

# Sportsmen Yacht Club

## Newsletter

January 2011

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### UPCOMING EVENTS AT SPORTSMEN

#### Jan

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- 8 Work Party
- 21 BINGO!
- 22 Installation Dinner

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- 6 Super Bowl Party
- 12 Crab Feed
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- 12 St. Patrick's Day
- 18 BINGO!
- 25-27 Cruise-Out to Rio Vista



**COMMODORE  
GARRY RIDOLFI**

Well, here we are! It has been a great 2010 at the Club. We had some great events with lots of hard work done by many members to bring it to its present state. Now that it's done, we can cruise into 2011! WOW!

I am ready for the holidays to be past us and start the New Year. I am excited and

my team of Officers and Directors are set and ready to tackle your questions and take care of business. I do want to thank the outgoing Board - great job.

I hope all can attend the New Year's Eve Party as its going to be fun. The ladies are getting everything ready to go. Next is the Installation Dinner on the 22nd. Our new 2011 Calendar of Events is set and is included in the newsletter, as well as posted at the Club.

**Let's all have fun in 2011.**

**Happy New Year!**



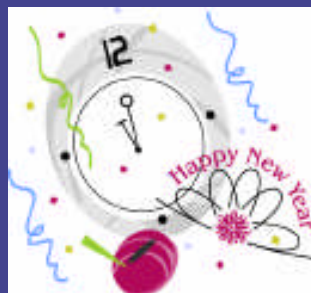
**VICE COMMODORE  
RICKY SCANNELL**

I'd like to start by wishing my fellow Sportsmen and their families a HAPPY NEW YEAR!! As well, congratulations go to the new Officers elected to the Board.

For those of you wondering about me, I'm a father of four (two of my own and two inherited). I'm engaged to a beautiful woman, Victoria. I've been associated with Sportsmen, in one way or another, since 1978. Having grown up around here, I've seen a lot of changes. Part of my decision to run for Vice Commodore is to try my hardest, as a member, to guide the Sportsmen YC to continue moving forward in the right direction.

In saying that, I would love to see more involvement from the membership. Whether it is participating at a work party, a Club function, a cruise-in, or just coming down to meet other members and having a great time. Whatever you decide, I hope to see you at the Club. As we move forward, I'm always open to suggestions so, if you have one, or any questions, you can leave them in my mailbox (#143) and I will get back to you as soon as I can. Please note, any unsigned submissions will NOT be recognized; as the last I checked, we don't have any members named "somebody" or "????".

In closing, I want to thank everyone for making this Club what it is. It's what brings a wide variety of people together. If not for that, I probably wouldn't have found the new friends I have today.



Plan to spend a **GREAT** New Year's Eve

with fellow Sportsmen Members on Friday, December 31st

Party details available at the Club

**Annual Crab Feed  
February 12th**



**Watch for details!!**





**REAR COMMODORE  
LOUIE ROCHA**

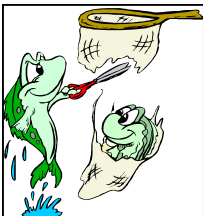
I want to thank the Sportsmen YC members who encouraged me to get involved and voted for me to serve as Rear Commodore. I am honored to serve as an Officer of this wonderful yacht club. As Rear Commodore, I have been asked to write a column as part of the monthly newsletter. For my first letter, I'd like to begin by introducing myself.

I am a life long resident of Antioch, raised by my parents Lou and Mary Rocha. I have a younger brother (Greg) and sister (Jessica). I attended Sutter Elementary School, Park Jr. High School and graduated from Antioch High School in 1979. Following high school, I graduated from Los Medanos College in 1982, San Diego State University in 1985 and Saint Mary's College in 1992. I have been an employee of the Antioch Unified School District for the past 20 years, serving as teacher, football coach, counselor, and school administrator. I am honored to serve as Principal of my alma mater, Antioch High School. I have been happily married to Tammy for 25 years; we have twin boys, (Louis and Ruben) who attend San Jose State University. We purchased our first home in Antioch on Camby Road in 1987.

Tammy and I were first introduced to the Sportsmen YC while taking Ball Room Dance classes with members, Jim and Terri Arnold, Jim and Darlene Dawson, Ed (Kangaroo) Elledge, Chuck Carroll, and Lee Fitzgerald. We immediately fell in love with the friendly and social environment. With the warm welcome we received from so many, we discovered our second home. Tammy and I like to get involved in activities that we both enjoy, so it is not unusual for the two of us to jump into the action right away. Tammy assumed the role of Bar Manager last fall and I will serve as Rear Commodore this year.

As Rear Commodore, I intend to observe, listen, and learn about the operation and governance of the Sportsmen YC. It is my hope that I can make a positive contribution to the organization this upcoming new year and in the years to come.

I want to wish you and your family prosperous New Year!



**2011 SYC  
Membership Directory  
in your Club mailbox soon!  
Questions?  
Please contact Freda Lucido**  
lucidos@pacbell.net or 925.228.3609

**HAVE IDEAS OR SUGGESTIONS  
FOR THE NEWSLETTER?  
DON'T BE SHY . . . LET US KNOW!**

**Newsletter articles due  
the 20th of each month  
Please send to: Julie Thornburg**

**Email: newslettereditor@sportsmenyc.org  
Phone: 510.915.4253**

## Menu

### January Meeting Dinner

**Check SYC Website for Dinner Menu**

**Dinners are \$10 per person  
Come join us!**

**We are limited to 50 reservations,  
so make your reservations on-line  
or contact Ann English at 925.779.9330  
as soon as possible**

### New Members!



Dan Espinosa

Addresses and phone numbers not available  
for the web version of this Newsletter

3rd Friday of the Month



January 21,  
February 18, March 18

6 pm - Bingo Cards on Sale  
7 pm - Let the Games Begin!

\$10.00 / 4 Cards  
\$2.00 / for Each Extra Card  
10 Games per Evening

**Cash Prizes Determined by Participation**

Hot Dogs and Chips / \$2.50 and Nachos / \$1.00

~Fleet Captain News - cont. from Page 3

**April:** Opening Day on the Delta.

**April 29<sup>th</sup>-May 1:** Cruise-out to Village West YC (off 14 Mile Slough). A great Club, great spot, with a long dock so all boats can be together. There are also a few electrical outlets and room for RVs in the parking lot behind the club.

**Memorial Weekend (May 27-30):** Cruise-in to Sportsmen YC. Games and activities will be planned.

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Weekend (July 1-4):** Cruise-out to Little Venice YC, within ear-shot of the Hilton Fireworks. Labor Day last year this was lots of fun. Tent camping is available & the

island is dog friendly.

**Labor Day Weekend:** Open.

**September 17-18<sup>th</sup>:** Cruise-out to Pittsburg YC.

**October 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>:** Fleet week. Those who want a Down-Bay Cruise this year will be meeting during the Rio Vista cruise to start planning for this event...

**December 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Lighted Boat Parade

That's all for now, but additional details will be forthcoming as we get closer to each event. See you on the water!



**HISTORIAN'S  
NOTES  
KATHIE HAMMER**

We have been attending Santa Night since 1980 and I think I have been singing with the children for most of those years, so I thought this could be a historical report.

It all started many years ago when, for several years, we had over 120 children and as they were waiting for Santa to arrive they began to run around and I was afraid they would get hurt. I remember I rang a bell and they all came and we started to sing. That was the beginning.

This year we had 42 children and they had the same wide eyes full of excitement while waiting for Santa. They heard a story and then we had a parade and finished with Christmas songs until Santa arrived.

Mr. Hammer kept us informed of Santa's travel progress. Santa always stops on West Island so the Reindeer can eat their favorite food, asparagus. Then Santa boards the Dawson's boat which is all decorated with lights and they head for the Sausalito.

It is very exciting to see the boat arrive with Santa. As all the children know, the real Santa comes to Sportsmen YC. Santa greeted each child with a wonderful smile and asked them what they wanted for Christmas. He seemed to know just how to talk to the young children, as well as the older children, even the crying babies looked back at him with a smile. Freda took great pictures of each child and Santa's elves helped pass out a gift and special goody bag to each child; Natalie Greer handed out Tootsie Rolls to everyone. Thanks to everyone's generosity as we had a delicious potluck. Shirley and Alice did a spectacular job decorating, it was a magical night.

January 17, 2011 will mark the 25th anniversary of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. federal holiday.

Each year, the Corporation for National and Community Service honors Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy by asking Americans to take action by helping their neighbors and communities on the King holiday.



The MLK Day of Service empowers individuals, strengthens communities, bridges barriers, and creates solutions to social problems.



**PICYA REPORT  
DARLENE DAWSON**

- Jan 29 Commodore's Ball  
Double Tree Hotel  
Berkeley Marina
- Feb 7 Delegates Dinner & Meeting  
Coyote Point YC
- Feb 26 Leadership Conference  
Golden State YC
- Mar 7 Delegates Dinner and Meeting  
Half Moon Bay YC

**PICYA's Upcoming Events**

The Pacific Inter-Club Association was formed in San Francisco on May 12, 1896. The purpose of this association was to improve communication between yacht clubs, provide uniform racing rules, and encourage yachting.

Three of the five Charter Clubs are in existence today: San Francisco YC (1869), Corinthian YC (1886), and Encinal YC (1890).

The purpose of PICYA has grown over the years and so has its' list of member clubs - now 106 (approx. 15,600 boating families).

The monthly delegates' meetings are the primary source of information sharing. "Thank you" **Jane Parsons** for your **perfect attendance** in 2009 and 2010. Jane literally has traveled through rain, sleet, and snow to represent our Club.

Clubs compete annually for 26 prestigious perpetual trophies. The November Awards Dinner at Encinal YC honored nominees and winners for their selfless and outstanding performance in boating related activities. Below is a list of awards by nomination.

**Douglas Boswell -  
Yachtsman of the Year**  
S/C Duane Collins, San Rafael YC

**Condon Award**  
Encinal S/C Tony Schaffer, Encinal YC

**Robert S. Olson Memorial,  
Poseidon Award**  
S/C Joan Marsh-Clune, Pittsburg YC

**Admiral Chester W. Nimitz U.S.N.  
Perpetual Trophy**  
Santa Cruz YC

**Jo Bates Memorial Delegate  
of the Year Award**  
Commodore Lizette Collins, Metropolitan YC

**Bay & Delta Yachtsman,  
Public Service Award Trophy**  
Martinez YC

**Club Meritorious Service Award**  
Oyster Point YC & Treasure Island YC

Congratulations to all nominees and winners.

For a complete list of individual and club awards, please visit the PICYA website at [www.picya.org](http://www.picya.org).

Recreational Boaters of California (RBOC) was created by PICYA in 1964 as a governmental advocacy. It is committed to promoting the enjoyment, protection, and responsible use of our waterways.

**State Budget Success:** RBOC's continuous vigilance, through last year's entire budget process succeeded in overturning the Governor's proposals to eliminate Cal Boating and annually transfer \$7.5 million in boater funds to the State Water Project.

**Coastal Permit & Navigable**

**Waterways:** RBOC efforts have resulted in written confirmation from the state Water Resources Control Board that they hope to determine the most appropriate course of action in safeguarding water quality at coastal marinas by March 2011. Until then, their focus will be on how voluntary compliance efforts such as the Clean Marina Program can preserve the beneficial uses of coastal waters. Several efforts continue to assure that navigable waterways remain accessible.

This appears to be good news. Thank you all for signing the "Call to Arms" letters on these matters. This is a new year and time for more legislation so we must stay vigilant and have our pens ready!!



**NEWS FROM  
FLEET CAPTAIN  
CYNTHIA PETERSEN**

Ahoy there, and Happy New Year. Here's hoping you're holidays were wonderful and the good cheer continues into 2011. I want to thank Sherry Lively for the wonderful job she did as Fleet Captain for 2010. She left some terrific shoes to fill in the coming year.

Our 2011 is shaping up to include lots of fun cruising activities. A calendar planning meeting was held in December and a number of firm boating and cruise-out dates have already been scheduled, so mark your calendars:

**March 25-27<sup>th</sup>:** Cruise out to Rio Vista. As always, both boats and trailers will be welcome for this fun event.



## Sportsmen Yacht Club 2011 Calendar of Events

### January

- 7 CLUB MEETING & DINNER
- 8 WORK PARTY
- 21 BINGO
- 22 INSTALLATION DINNER

### February

- 4 CLUB MEETING & DINNER
- 5 WORK PARTY
- 6 SUPER BOWL
- 12 CRAB FEED
- 18 BINGO

### March

- 4 CLUB MEETING & DINNER
- 5 WORK PARTY
- 12 ST. PATRICK'S DAY
- 18 BINGO
- 25-27 CRUISE-OUT TO RIO VISTA

### April

- 1 CLUB MEETING & DINNER
- 2 WORK PARTY
- TBD OPENING DAY ON THE DELTA
- 15 BINGO
- 29-1 VILLAGE WEST CRUISE-OUT

### May

- 6 CLUB MEETING & DINNER
- 7 WORK PARTY
- 7 CINCO DE MAYO DINNER
- 20 BINGO
- 27-30 MEMORIAL DAY CRUISE-IN AT SPORTSMEN

### June

- 3 CLUB MEETING & DINNER
- 4 WORK PARTY
- 17 BINGO
- 25 4S TRY-OUTS FOR SPORTSMEN

### July

- 1-4 LITTLE VENICE CRUISE-OUT
- 8 CLUB MEETING & DINNER
- 9 WORK PARTY
- 15 BINGO
- TBD 4S AT SAN JOAQUIN YC

### August

- 5 CLUB MEETING & DINNER
- 6 WORK PARTY
- 19 BINGO
- 27-28 SAN RAFAEL CRUISE-IN and EVENT (TBD)

### September

- 9 CLUB MEETING & DINNER
- 10 CLUB PICNIC
- 16 BINGO
- 17-18 PITTSBURG CRUISE-OUT

### October

- 7 CLUB MEETING & DINNER
- 8 WORK PARTY
- 8-9 FLEET WEEK CRUISE-OUT
- 21 BINGO
- 21-23 DISCOVERY BAY CRUISE-IN

### November

- 2 FISHING SEMINAR
- 4 CLUB MEETING & DINNER
- 4-6 FISHING DERBY
- 18 BINGO
- 19 THANKSGIVING DINNER AT CLUB
- 24 HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

### December

- 2 CLUB MEETING & DINNER
- 3 LIGHTED BOAT PARADE
- 10 KIDS WITH SANTA & POTLUCK
- 16 BINGO
- 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!
- 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

This calendar is subject to change. Please check the website ([www.sportsmenyc.org](http://www.sportsmenyc.org)) or your monthly newsletter for the most current calendar schedule.

You are invited to  
 Sportsmen Yacht Club's  
**2011 Installation of Officers  
 Dinner & Dance**

Saturday, January 22, 2011

**The Evening's Program**

5:30 pm Cocktail Hour  
 6:30 pm Dinner Served  
 8:00 pm Award Ceremony  
 Music and Dancing  
 Following Awards Ceremony

**Installation Dinner Menu**

Caesar Salad

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Slow Smoked Sliced Beef Brisket  
 Sliced BBQ Ham  
 With Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes  
 and Fresh Steamed Vegetables

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Ranch Rolls

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Cheesecake and Carrot Cake

Prepared by  
 Back Forty Texas BBQ

\$30.00 per person

***Reservations Required***

Please contact Ann English at 925.779.9330  
 or online at [www.sportsmenyc.org](http://www.sportsmenyc.org)

Reservations must be received no later than  
 Sunday, January 16th



**MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL  
 Steak Dinners**

Hosted by: Chuck & Ann English

\$7.00/per person

Steaks cooked to order, potatoes, and salad  
 Served from start of game until half-time

**Please reserve** the Sunday prior to game day  
 by calling Chuck and Ann @ 925.779.9330  
 or by using the sign-up sheet located  
 by the Club's registration book

**COMING UP:**

January 3rd - Orange Bowl  
 January 10th - BCS National Championship  
 February 6th - SUPER BOWL

In accordance with our By-Laws, Article V, A-4, the following notice will be posted in this Newsletter monthly:

The regular meetings of the Board of Directors are held on the first Friday of each month, following the General Membership Meetings. If the first Friday is a holiday weekend, the meetings are held on the second Friday of that month.

**2011 Flag Officers and Directors**

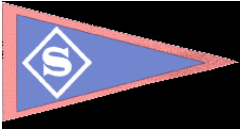
Commodore	Garry Ridolfi	925.777.0650
Vice Commodore	Ricky Scannell	925.522.6009
Rear Commodore	Louie Rocha	925.778.8523
Treasurer	Alice Jackman	925.228.4843
Secretary	Jim Arnold	925.625.1623
Director	Lonnie Gibson	925.439.5420
Director	Rob Langer	925.482.5069
Director	Dan Lively	925.634.1552
Director	Don Wilson	925.229.3121

**Managers**

Port Captain	Shirley Karr	209.418.8699
Bar	Tammy Rocha	925.778.8523
Events	Anita Hinds	925.672.1503
Meeting Dinners	Terri Barton	925.757.1475
Galley/ Housekeeping	Scott Jett	925.625.0449

The complete listing of chair persons is inside the front cover of your 2011 Club Directory

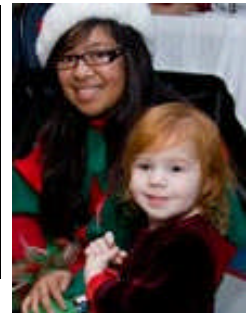
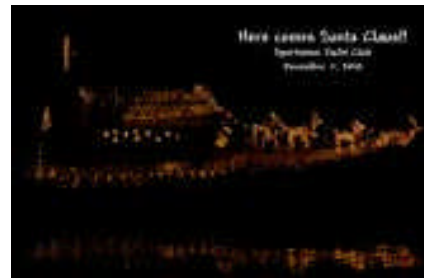




**Sportsmen Yacht Club**  
**P.O. Box 518**  
**Antioch, CA 94509**

Club located at 3301 Wilbur Avenue in Antioch

FIRST CLASS MAIL



Thank you, Mrs. Hammer, for reading to us and leading us in song!



Thank you, Santa and Elves, for coming to see us!